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Retrenchment in the Madras Electric Tramways Company, Limited.

* 621 Q.—Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government took any action to stop retrenchment in the Madras Electric Tramways Company, Limited, and to what effect?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" The Company applied for permision to retrench 290 workers to the Industrial Tribunal, Madras, and the Tribunal permitted retrenchment of only 132 workers but the company closed all work on 12th April 1953. The Government have ordered the prosecution of the management and also referred the dispute regarding the closure of the place of employment to the workers to a Special Industrial Tribunal for adjudication."

Modification of Malayalam script.

* 622 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government received recently any communication or report from the Travancore-Cochin State or from the Travancore University with regard to the modification of Malayalam script?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" No."

Relief to the fishermen in Malabar coast.

* 623 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have got any scheme with them to help the fishermen living in the coastal areas of Malabar so as to relieve the present acute unemployment prevailing among them?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" The Member evidently refers to the failure of the fishing season and the consequent unemployment in the West Coast. It has been ascertained that there is distress in the entire coast of Valiangode due to want of catches for the last few months consequent on the disappearance of shoals of mackeral throughout the coast this year. But the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Calicut, has reported in January this year, that there are catches of Sardines on a minor scale, and that this is a hopeful sign. It has also been ascertained from the Director of Fisheries that the causes for the failure of the fishing season are only temporary."

Forfeiture of the book called ' Yerra Jandalu '.

* 624 Q.—Sri M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether orders were passed by the Government for the forfeiture of a book called " Yerra Jandalu " (Red flag) ; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for the same?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (a) & (b), Yes, the Government have, on the certificate of the Advocate-General, Madras, that Part I of the book contains objectionable matter within the meaning of section 3 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951, passed orders declaring copies of this part of the book forfeited to Government under Section 11 of the Act. This action was taken after the Hyderabad Government took action on the same lines and as the book was printed and published in this State. The reasons for this action are that it contains passages which are calculated to incite and encourage persons to resort to violence and sabotage, to seduce members of the police forces from allegiance and duty and undermine Government."

Improvements to the Government Hospital at Nellore.

* 625 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the improvements made to the Government Hospital, Nellore, by way of (1) accommodation, (2) staff and (3) new buildings, if any, from 1946 to 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" A statement [a] is place on the table of the House."

Allegations against the panchayatdars of the Madakasira Co-operative Credit Society.

* 626 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made to Government and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies that the panchayatdars of the Madakasira Co-operative Credit Society are functioning illegally and against the circulars of the Registrar, No. D. 19569/47-14, dated 28th May 1947, and R.C. No. 173075/49-B, dated 22nd December 1949; and

(*b*) if so, the dates of the receipt of such representations and the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A copy of the petition signed by Sri R. Siddana Gowd, M.L.A., and addressed to the Deputy Registrar, Anantapur, was received by the Registrar on 1st April 1953. Another copy of the petition was received by the Government on 6th April 1953."

Contour bunding in Madanapalle East and West Firkas.

* 627 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are considering to start contour bunding in Madanapalle East and West Firkas; and

(*b*) if so, when?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 552–553 infra.